

Happenings... @ The Helmsley Park Lane July 2009

The Park Room: Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Chef Michael Hill's Atlantic Rim-menu reflects the overall feel of The Park Room, taking a simple approach and offering authentic flavors, using market fresh ingredients, while adding the occasional twist. The adjacent Harry's Bar offers a small menu of sandwiches and bar snacks, but its main focus is the choice of wines by the glass that will change regularly. **The Park Room** is open daily for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner; hours of operation are from 7am-10pm.



<http://www.helmsleyparklane.com/restaurant-central-park-hotels.asp>

- **Sunday Brunch** – Be sure to experience our Sunday Brunch Buffet, in our restaurant **The Park Room**. Adults \$38.00 per person and children under 12 \$25.00 per person.
- **Bailout Business Lunch Menu** – Try out our Bailout Business Menu which includes your choice of any two items and one soft drink, iced tea or coffee. Monday through Friday; \$14.00 dollars per person
- **Spring Menu** – Try out Chef's Michael Hill's Spring Menu. Choose from a variety of dishes that you will enjoy.
- **Stimulus Menu** – Visit Harry's Bar and try out our Sampler Menus for \$10.00 per person.

*For reservations at The Park Room restaurant
Please contact our host at 212-521-6655 or Ext. 6155.*

Happenings New York City



The spectacular Macy's July 4th fireworks display is moving across town in 2009. To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson, Macy's will stage their annual show stopping pyrotechnics over the Hudson River instead of the East River this year.

The 2009 Macy's fireworks show will feature more than 40,000 shells exploding at a rate of more than 1,500 per minute. The 26-minute display will be set off from six barges positioned between 24th and 50th Streets on the Hudson River.

The fireworks display will be synchronized to a score of patriotic standards, classic river-themed works, and original music. The legendary New York Pops will perform the musical score under the direction of Steve Reineke.

This year, the best views will be from Manhattan's West Side and New Jersey.



The Delacorte Theater in Central Park presents free performances of Shakespeare under the stars -- often with star-studded casts (past performers have included Meryl Streep, Natalie Portman, and Philip Seymour Hoffman).

The 2009 Shakespeare in the Park season kicks off on June 10 with a production of ***Twelfth Night*** starring movie star **Anne Hathaway** as Viola. *Twelfth Night* will run through July 12.

The Bacchae, the classic Greek tragedy by Euripides, will be presented with a score by Philip Glass from August 11-30.

Although tickets are free, they can be hard to come by. Tickets are handed out on the day of the performance starting at 1pm at The Delacorte Theater in Central Park.

The Delacorte Theater is located near Turtle Pond, just south of the Great Lawn in Central Park. The closest Park entrance from the East Side is Fifth Avenue at 79th Street; from the West Side, Central Park West at 81st Street. The theater opens at 7:30 p.m. There is a limit of two tickets per person. Call (212) 260-2400 for more information.

It's first come, first served. Lines of eager theater-goers start forming early in the morning, so plan on camping out.

It's time again for that wonderful New York City tradition -- Restaurant Week! Dine at Manhattan's trendiest and best restaurants July 12-31, 2009.

New York's top restaurants will serve three-course lunches for \$24.07 (in a cute play on 24/7, though keep in mind that the discounts are not good on Saturdays) and three-course dinners for \$35.00 (beverage, tax and gratuity not included).



Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum – Located at North River Pier 86 on 46th Street and 12th Avenue, New York, New York | 212-245-0072. It is a museum ship that showcases the World War II air craft carrier USS Intrepid, the submarine USS Growler, and a Lockheed A-12 supersonic reconnaissance plane often mistaken for the later SR-71 Blackbird. The museum serves as a hub for the annual Fleet Week events. Visiting warships dock at the cruise ship terminals to the north, and events are held on the museum grounds and the deck of the Intrepid. During the week of Memorial Day the Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum hosts military displays at the location of this floating World War II naval carrier. For more information, time and dates of operation please visit the following comprehensive website and plan your visit to museum:

<http://www.intrepidmuseum.org/>



[Scandinavian House the Nordic Center in America Scandinavia](http://www.scandinaviahouse.org/programs.html)

– Located at 58 Park Avenue (between 37th and 38th Street) New York, New York 10016 | 212-879-9779. The house offers a wide range of programs, including art, design, and historical exhibitions as well as film series, concerts, lectures, symposia, language courses and children's programs that illuminate the contemporary vitality of the Nordic countries. This 168-seat theater combines the Spartan Scandinavian design with state-of-the-art technology. Victor Borge Hall is a perfect Nordic setting for films, concerts, lectures, symposia, and business meetings. Named in honor of the legendary Danish entertainer, Victor Borge is recognized for his generosity to Scandinavia House.

<http://www.scandinaviahouse.org/programs.html>



The Amato Opera Theater - Located in the heart of New York at 319 Bowery, New York, New York 10003 | 212-228-8200. It began as a small troupe presenting in an auditorium on Bleecker and Carmine Streets and it is now housed in a four storey building at 319 Bowery. The Amato company opera has been putting up a number of seasons for your entertainment and pleasure. It also supports and encourages new talent. The Marriage of Figaro and Barber of Seville, among others, have been performed here through the years. **The Marriage of Figaro is currently being performed until May 31, 2009.** For more information on the Marriage of Figaro visit the following comprehensive website:

<http://www.amato.org/>



The New York Botanical Garden – Bronx River Parkway at Fordham Road 10458-5126 | 718-817-8700. It is one of the Oldest and largest botanical garden in the world. The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants, a national historic landmark and an educational institution. It is distinguished by the beauty of its diverse landscape and extensive collections and gardens, as well as by the scope and excellence of its programs in horticulture, education and science. Aside from the 50 gardens and plant collection the garden also has a wide variety of events happening every day. It is open year-round Tuesday – Sunday from 10 AM – 6 PM; except for the following days with early closing: May 20 & June 4 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. For more information visit the following comprehensive website:

<http://www.nybg.org/>



Shakespeare In The Park – June 10 – July 12, 2009

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare, Directed by Daniel Sullivan. This summer will kick off with one of Shakespeare's most beloved **comedies**. The Public welcomes Academy Award Nominee Anne Hathaway as she makes her Public Theater debut playing Viola, one of the canon's most charming heroines. This beguiling comedy follows the romantic adventures of Viola and her identical twin Sebastian, both shipwrecked in the enchanted dukedom of Illyria. At the helm of this time-honored story of cross-dressing and mistaken identity, all in the name of love, is Tony Award winning Director Daniel Sullivan. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit the following website:

<http://www.publictheater.org/content/view/126/219/>

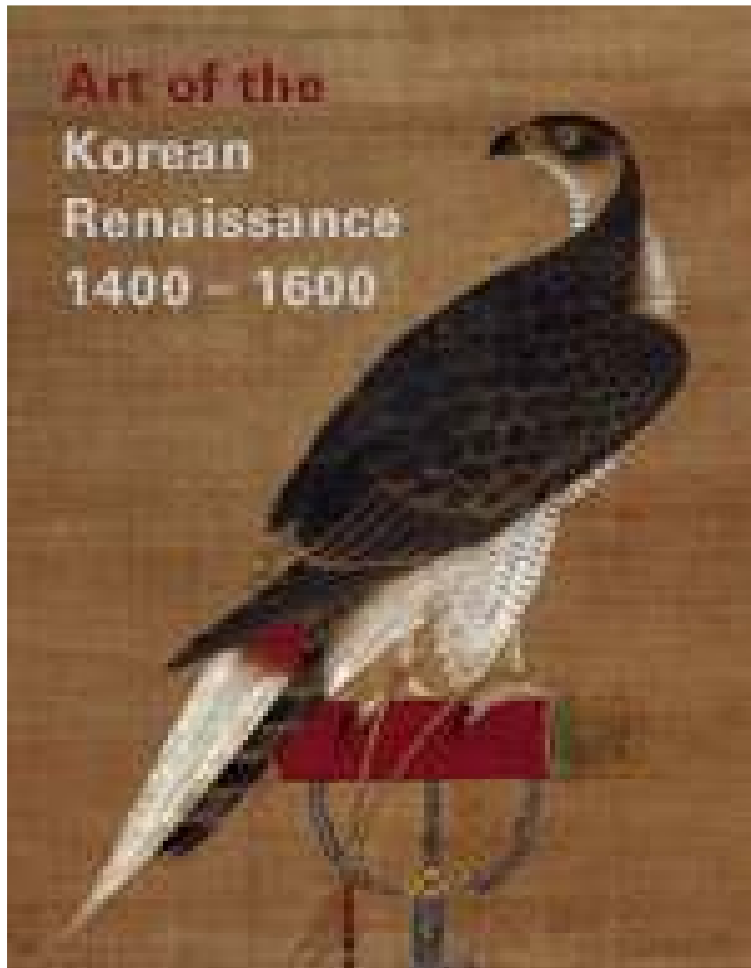


Father's Day June 21, 2009 - The idea of father's day was first proposed by Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, who was a Civil War veteran and a widower when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died during childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children

by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington State. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness that her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father but all men who have or acted as a father figure such as stepfathers, uncles and grandfathers. Happy Fathers Day!

Art of Korean Renaissance, 1400 – 1600



The Metropolitan Museum of Art 1000 Fifth Ave @ 82nd 212 535 7710
Open now through June 21, 2009. This exhibition of forty five exquisite works of art illustrates the height of artistic production during the first 200

years of the Joseon dynasty (1392 – 1910). This is the first in a series of international loan exhibitions at the Museum focusing on significant periods in Korean art history. The museum's hours are: Tuesday–Thursday: 9:30 A. M. – 5:30 P.M., Friday and Saturday: 9:30 A.M. – 9:00 P.M., and Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

http://www.metmuseum.org/special/se_event.asp?OccurrenceId={5CCD5232-A073-4DBE-A06D-36D32D933A74}



Extreme Mammals - Open now through January 30, 2010

American Museum of Natural History Central Park West at 79th Street | 212 - 765-5200 or 212- 765-5100. In this exhibition the museum explores the surprising and extraordinary world of extinct animals. The exhibit examines the ancestry and evolution of numerous species ranging from tiny, speedy to sloth

like and displays animals with oversized claws, fangs, snouts and horns. The museum is open daily from 10 AM - 5:45 PM.

http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/extrememammals/?src=e_h



Gottesman Hall of Planet Earth – At The American Museum of Natural History located at Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192. The world of Planet Earth displays the most outstanding collections of geological specimens. Every specimen and model chosen illustrates an important aspect of the Earth's dynamic story from its early evolutions to the storms and earthquakes that we encounter today. Museum is open daily from 10 – 5:45 PM.

http://www.amnh.org/rose/hope/?src=e_h

New York Aquarium



New York Aquarium is located on Surf Avenue & West 8th Street in Brooklyn, NY 11224. The New York Aquarium in New York City is part of the largest network of metropolitan wildlife parks in the country; the New York Aquarium holds a special place in the mission of the Wildlife Conservation Society to save wildlife and wild places around the globe. With exhibits featuring over 8,000 animals, the Aquarium offers diversity, superb viewing, and world-renowned scientific expertise that assure a rewarding experience and the knowledge that people can make a difference in the ocean world around them. Learn about animals living as far away as the Southwest coast of Africa and the Arctic to those found locally in our own Hudson River. For more information call (718) 265 – Fish or (718) 265 – 3454.

<http://nyaquarium.com/>

The Bronx Zoo



The Bronx Zoo – 2300 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10469 - Tel: (718) 367 –1010. The Bronx Zoo opened its gates to the public on November 8, 1899. The Zoo has 6000 animals and its part of the Wildlife Conservation Society. Celebrate the season with snow leopards, polar bears, tigers, and other cold-weather creatures. Enjoy indoor attractions including Madagascar, Jungle World and World of Darkness. The zoo is open daily from 10:00 AM through 4:30 PM. Don't miss out join, join the Bronx Zoo in their celebration of Earth Day and enjoy a long month of celebration. Enjoy eco friendly games, activities, musical shows and theaters.

<http://www.bronxzoo.com/>

The Carnegie Hall



Carnegie Hall in Midtown Manhattan located at 881 Seventh Avenue, occupying the east stretch of Seventh Avenue between West 56th Street and West 57th Street. Built by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in 1891, it is one of the most famous venues in the United States for classical music and popular music, renowned for its beauty, history and acoustics. Carnegie Hall has its own artistic programming, development and marketing departments and presents about 100 performances each season. For information and upcoming events call (212) 247- 7800 or visit Carnegie Halls comprehensive website.

http://www.carnegiehall.org/article/box_office/series/brochure/

We hope that these suggestions have given you some ideas for your stay in New York City. Naturally our concierge team will be delighted to assist you with further information or any additional inquires that you may have. Contact Thomas, Anthony, Oreste, or Cristina at Ext. 6161.